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The reply filed on Oct. 27, 1999 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's amendment of Oct. 27 1999 does not properly comply with the formal requirements of amendment entry as set forth in MPEP 714.22. Claims 1-9 were submitted for prosecution on the merits. However, in the amendment of Oct. 27, 1999, claims 1-7, as amended, contain language that was not present in original claim 1. Moreover, said amendment brackets limitations that were not present in the original claims and deletes limitations that were present in the original claims. In other words amended claims 1-7 are substantially different from original claims 1-7. To properly comply with the formal requirements of amendment entry, original claims 1-7 must be cancelled and the amended claims should be presented as a new claims. Moreover, limitations that are deleted from the claims should be surrounded with brackets. Please see MPEP 714.22(2). See 37 CFR 1.111.

Please also note that the amendment to claims 13-15 was not entered because said claims are not present in the case. If claims 1-15 were to be examined on the merits, as explained by Applicant at pages 5-6 of the amendment, then said claims, initially, should have been accompanied by a Preliminary amendment properly requesting entry of said claims. This was not done in the Preliminary amendment received Sep. 22, 1998.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid

abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THE TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cybille Delacroix-Muirheid whose telephone number is (703) 306-3227. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue-Fri from 8:30 to 6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marianne Cintins, can be reached on (703) 308-4725. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4242.

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